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Strike vote set for restaurants

AFSCME 444 sets EBMUD patterns

More than 300 members of AFSCME Local 444 came to a meeting Monday night with strike ballots in their pockets and wound up approving a precedent-shattering contract with the East Bay Municipal Utility District.

The meeting was delayed half an hour while negotiators ironed out last minute hitches with management.

Major innovations for comparable public agencies, General Representative David Novogrodsky of AFSCME said, were contract provisions for:

1. Flat hourly rates "getting rid of percentage increases that have plagued public agencies for years."

2. A cost of living escalator clause.

3. Grievance procedure covering all "rules, regulations, personnel practices or district decisions."

The contract covers approximately 500 blue collar workers. It is for 2 years, 9 months, from July 1, 1970 to March 31, 1973.

It provides \$40 a month increases across the board, plus \$30 a month "inequity increases" for most. Some received "inequity adjustments" in April and for them the hike was reduced by the amount of the April raise. Pipemen, the most numerous category, received an extra \$10.

The cost of living escalator clause is geared to the Bay Area BLS Index with a 5.6 per cent annual ceiling. It is to take effect every six months starting July 1, 1971.

A fully-paid medical-hospital plan, covering employees and all dependents, is to be upgraded during the term.

Management will start paying \$2.50 a month into a dental plan July 1, 1971 and another \$2.50 in

July, 1972. Disability insurance will be initiated July 1, 1971 with district payments of \$2.50 a month, increasing to \$4 January 1, 1973.

The flat hourly rate applies to all, eliminating the former two steps over 18 months at which a

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July 16 set for talent audition

Amateur performers for the talent show at Alameda County COPE's annual Labor Day Picnic will audition Thursday, July 16.

Performers interested should telephone Talent Committee Chairman Bill Burks at 451-3215 for an audition appointment. The try-outs will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 16 in Hall C of the Labor Temple at 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

The talent show is among the features of the picnic to be held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton on Monday, September 7.

Millmen's 550 to vote on proposed contract

Millmen's Local 550 will vote next Tuesday on a proposed contract covering seven Northern California counties and four Millmen's locals.

The meeting is to be held at 8 p.m. June 30 in Hall A of the Labor Temple in Oakland.

Edition marks our 44th year

This edition marks the 44th anniversary of the East Bay Labor Journal as the official newspaper of the Alameda County Labor movement.

It contains expanded coverage of labor's current activities and anniversary greetings from our advertisers.

Arbiter to rule on A/C

A/C Transit employees returned to work last weekend with long sought superiority over San Francisco wages in the abrupt end of a three-week strike by Carmen's Division 192.

Terms of a one-year contract are to be worked out in final and binding arbitration under the settlement reached in the chambers of Superior Court Judge Robert L. Bostick.

Union members accepted the proposal by a 24 vote margin last Thursday night and buses rolled again Saturday.

The 1,400 members of Division 192 got an immediate wage increase of approximately 9 per cent, lifting pay of the 1,100 bus drivers 36 cents an hour to \$4.50.

This compares with San Francisco Muni's current \$4.31 1/3, which will go to \$4.48 July 1.

"For the first time in 25 years we will be ahead of them all the way through the year," said Division 192 President Ed Cordeiro.

Wage superiority was a major goal of the union on the grounds that more is demanded of A/C drivers, they have a better record, have gained more national commendation and drive longer and more complex runs.

Wages are one of 13 points subject to arbitration.

"But there is no ceiling," Cordeiro said. "I feel confident they will go up."

Top mechanics are now getting \$5.26 an hour, 43 cents more than when the strike started June 1.

Terms of the settlement are the same as those proposed earlier by two impartial fact finders and rejected by the A/C district as "too costly."

Arbitration will include wages, cost of living formula, amount of health plan contribution, holidays, tool allowance, grievance procedure and certain working conditions.

A five-man panel headed by arbiter Adolph Koven will have

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Three unions meet Tuesday for decision

The Local Joint Executive Board of Culinary Workers and Bartenders has called all members to mass meetings next Tuesday, June 30, for a report on negotiations with the East Bay Restaurant Association and a strike vote.

Bargaining involves a reopen on wages and two fringes in a contract covering 90 restaurants that are members of the association.

Approximately 600 independents are also under contract with the joint board. Association members and independents combined employ some 9,000 union members.

Workers are members of Waiters, Waitresses & Service Crafts Local 31; Cooks, Pastry Cooks, & Assistants Union, Local 228; and Bartenders Local 52. They were called to three meetings—morning, afternoon and night—at Local 31's headquarters next Tuesday.

"Negotiations to date do not look favorable," said Jack Faber, president of Local 228. "With the present attitude of employers I am willing to bet 100 to 1 that we have a strike."

Frances Childers, secretary-treasurer of Local 31, quoted no odds, but said, "A strike is possible."

A strike, however, would not keep Alameda County residents from dining out, Faber said. "Numerous restaurants have called us saying they are willing to sign an interim agreement and stay open."

No progress was reported from the first four negotiating meetings.

Another bargaining session was scheduled for 2 p.m. today, Friday, June 26.

Negotiators were shooting for a July 6 deadline on the reopen in which the unions were seeking to pick up what employees have lost in the escalation of the cost of living.

The existing contract has a year to run. But the reopen is for

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Carl Jaramillo named in first election of Paint Makers 1975

Carl Jaramillo was elected business manager and financial secretary last week in the first election of Paint Makers Local 1975.

The vote continued Jaramillo for the next three years in the post he had held since Bay Area Paint Makers united earlier this year into a single local, and in the old East Bay Local 1101. His unsuccessful opponent was Neil Bradley.

Kenneth Reeves was unopposed for president and business representative. Peter Ambrunn, incumbent vice president, was reelected, defeating Maurice Stuart 391 to 200.

Elected without opposition were Carl Lawler, recording secretary; Jack Waheed, treasurer; Woodfin Threats, warden; and Nick Telemchuk, conductor.

Lawler was re-elected to the negotiating committee from the East Bay, with 334 votes to 130 for Stuart and 75 for Peter Ambrunn. Jack Waheed was re-elected from the West Bay, getting 320 votes to 111 for Robert Hedges and 105 for Clarence Lyons.

Jaramillo, Lawler, Threats, Ambrunn, Bill Zubiate and Kenneth Reeves were elected delegates to the Alameda County

Berkeley walkout averted in first contract with 390

United Public Employees Local 390 won a \$50 a month increase across the board in a first contract with the city of Berkeley for the 250 employees it represents, averting a strike which had been set for June 22.

Executive Secretary Paul Varacalli said it was the first public agency he knew of to agree to an across the board increase. Usually cities negotiate on percentages which favors the more highly paid employees. Local 390 represents Berkeley employees in public works, refuse collection, parks, pound, equipment maintenance and marina.

The contract also includes city-paid dental coverage for employees and dependents effective next January 1, four weeks vacation after 15 years, city paid medical insurance for employees and half for one dependent, sick leave improvements, overtime for full-time regular employees, inequity adjustments and impartial grievance procedure.

A negotiating committee consisting of Dale Eckerson, chairman; Willie Gholar, Cornelius Moore, Archie Banks and Lloyd Baker, assisted Varacalli and Local 390 Secretary-Treasurer Dorothy Christiansen in the bargaining.

Six Brazilian metal workers trade union officials will spend four days next week in Alameda County as guests of Auto Mechanics Lodge 1546.

The Brazilian team is on a United States tour visiting plants, and discussing union contracts, servicing and functions with their American counterparts.

They were to be met on their arrival in the Bay Area June 25 by Manuel Francis, business representative of Lodge 1546, and Frank Souza Jr., business representative of Lodge 1305 in San

Francisco.

Francis and Souza made a similar trip to Brazil this spring and were largely responsible for arranging for the U.S. visit by the South Americans.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Correspondents columns will be found on pages 5, 7, 8 and 9 of this edition of the Labor Journal. Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 8.

Francis and Souza made a similar trip to Brazil this spring and were largely responsible for arranging for the U.S. visit by the South Americans. The two Bay Area business representatives are of Portuguese descent and are fluent in Portuguese, the language of Brazil.

The visitors will be guests of Lodge 1305 until June 28, when

The editor is on vacation. His column will be resumed on his return.

they will come to Oakland, staying at the Lake Merritt Hotel.

Francis and Business Representative Claud Carnahan of Lodge 1546 will be their escorts during their East Bay tour.

Sunday's highlight will be a barbecue at Francis' home in Livermore.

Monday morning the visitors will meet the staff of Lodge 1546 and tour their headquarters at 10260 MacArthur Boulevard. Later in the day they will tour Dailey Chevrolet in Oakland, and Hayward Motors and

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How to Buy

Summer bargains should be better

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS
Labor Journal Consumer Expert

Look for big sales this month offering a chance to fill in wardrobe and home needs at markdowns before prices start moving up again in fall.

July is a month of important sales in any case. But this July stores and manufacturers are caught with large inventories and slow sales on clothing and household items. Consumers have cut down on buying because of high food and housing prices, and declining buying power.

Among goods you will find sale priced this month are shoes; refrigerators; washing machines; men's shirts and summer suits; women's summer dresses, active sportswear, lingerie and handbags. This also is the month fuel-oil dealers offer discounts to fill up your tank.

BUT DON'T expect your living costs to be any less this summer. July is a month of high meat prices especially. Meat prices already are about 10 per cent higher than a year ago. Too, the intense cost pressures squeezing homeowners are now beginning to harass renters too. If you do rent, you can expect increased demands from your landlord this year.

Your food-price problem is especially serious this summer. Manufacturers and retailers have raised prices even more than the jump in farm prices. Farm products have gone up 5½ per cent this year. But processors have raised their prices 6½ per cent, and retailers 7½ per cent.

The result is, you have to work longer for the same dinner. Because food prices have gone up faster than wages, the average factory worker in a large city like New York now has to work three minutes longer to pay for a Sunday roast-beef dinner for a family of four, reports Herbert Bienstock, Regional Director of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The dinner now costs about \$6. Signifi-



But you can still buy a chicken dinner, now \$4.25 for four, for about the same hour and a quarter of labor.

Here are tips on July buying opportunities:

CARS: The forthcoming 1971 models will cost more, manufacturers report. But both used and new current-year models start going down in price after July 4, with successive markdowns until September when new-car prices reach their annual low.

There's a real switch to smaller cars. Not only have manufacturers brought out sub-compact models of the Maverick-Duster-Hornet class but now are readying even smaller cars to compete with Volkswagen. These include Rambler's Gremlin, already out, and Ford's Pinto and GM's Vega, which will be out this fall. These cars cost under \$1900. Signifi-

cantly, Ford has had to curtail production at its Lincoln and Thunderbird plant but is working overtime at its Maverick factories.

This summer you have access to a little more information on new-car performance when you go shopping for a car. Government regulations now require that manufacturers and dealers must provide facts on braking (stopping distance), passing ability (acceleration) and tire reserve load. You may have to ask the dealers for this information, but they do have to give it to you.

The Union Oil Company also is distributing widely the results of its annual performance trials. These also show relative fuel economy. There is the same correlation but not always the same results between the Union Oil

results and the Government-required data.

IN THE COMPACT six-cylinder class the Union Oil tests found Hornet and Dodge Dart Swinger had the highest overall scores, followed, in order, by the Valiant, Maverick and Chevy Nova. The Hornet led in fuel economy and acceleration; the Dart in braking. Second and third in acceleration were Dart and Maverick.

In intermediate-size eights, Ford Torino scored highest overall, followed, in order, by Pontiac LeMans, Buick Skylark, Olds Cutlass, Rebel SST, Dodge Coronet 500, Mercury Montego, Plymouth Sport Satellite, Chevelle Malibu.

In the standard-size eights, Ambassador led overall, followed by Chevrolet Bel Air, Pontiac Catalina, Dodge Polara, Plymouth Fury, Ford Custom 500.

The smaller cars naturally had a big edge in gas economy. The compact sizes averaged 20-25 miles per gallon (depending on the make). The intermediates, averaged 16 to 18 mpg, and the standard eights, 15-17. (That doesn't mean you can expect the same mileage in your own driving and traffic conditions).

In acceleration, the small sixes averaged 15 to 19 seconds. The intermediate eights, interestingly, had faster acceleration (usu-

ally 11 to 12 seconds) than the bigger and costlier standard-size eights (11 to 15 seconds).

APPLIANCES, AIR CONDITIONERS: Good value in refrigerators are available this month. Not only is this sale month but one of the biggest makers (G.E.) also has cut factory list prices. Current sales offer, for example, 12-cubic foot two-door models with automatic defrost and top-mounted freezer for under \$200.

Air conditioners started the year at a higher price but cool weather this spring in many areas has forced price-cutting. Compare BTU ratings of various models, and also make sure any you buy has a thermostat to turn off the compressor automatically when temperature reaches the pre-set level. The cheaper air conditioners don't have thermostats. The extra cost is worth it to save unnecessary operation and electricity.

FOOD BUYING CALENDAR:

This is the month of high meat prices. The only way to offset them is extra-careful shopping and planning and additional preparation until meat prices edge down this fall with greater supplies. The only relief is the heavy supplies of broilers this summer with resultant lower prices. Eggs still are relatively reasonable as another alternative to expensive meat.

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Getting Your Money's Worth

Color TV viewers should sit at least six feet from the set to eliminate the hazards of possible X-radiation, recommends the federal government's Bureau of Radiological Health.

While black and white sets present no radiation danger, turning down the color intensity of a color set to produce a black and white picture doesn't reduce the potential X-radiation hazard, says Consumer Reports, the consumer magazine. Nor is there any less hazard in viewing a black and white program such as, say, an old movie on a color TV.

Most TV servicemen aren't equipped to test for a color set's X-radiation, says the magazine. It urges those concerned by the possible hazard to follow the federal distance guideline.

The June issue also recom-

mends guiding children away from shows and toys, such as one involving drawing on a plastic sheet covering the TV tube, which would invite them close to the set.

Consumer Reports is published monthly by Consumers Union, the nonprofit consumer-advisory organization.

Afford a home?

Only one in five families can afford the \$290 a month total of monthly payments, taxes, insurance, maintenance and repair costs and utilities on a medium priced home, figures of the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department indicate. To afford it, families must have a \$14,000 yearly income and four of five don't.

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First two years most important in child care

A most important factor for a working mother is to provide continuity of care for her children, particularly during the first two years, anthropologist Margaret Mead disclosed.

In the June issue of the Department of Labor's magazine "Manpower," Dr. Mead describes continuity of care as meaning a person who is there, part of the time, day after day, either always to put the baby to bed, or always bathe it and, most important, feed it.

"All of our studies suggest that too frequent changes of the mothering person are hard on children," she writes. "If a woman works full time, it is very difficult for her to provide this continuity."

"An infant who is given satisfactory continuity of care, day after day . . . for the sensitive period between eight months and two years, develops a feeling of trust and can survive a great many changes of place and person later."

"We have to encourage work-

ing mothers without husbands to live with or near their own relatives, or form joint households with other husbandless women so they can share the care of the children.

"We have to encourage the kind of housing and the kind of social expectation that kept grandmothers and grandfathers nearby . . . Stable residence means a known neighborhood, habitual interchange of baby sitting and baby tending among neighbors.

"We may have to make an invention halfway between the

FDA accused by two groups

In a move, understood to pressage a suit, the National Council of Senior Citizens and the American Public Health Association have accused the federal Food & Drug Administration of failing to protect consumers from dangerous or ineffective drugs or those which are misleadingly advertised.

The two groups made their charge in a lengthy letter to FDA Commissioner Charles C. Edwards.

If a suit is filed against the FDA it is expected to seek to compel the agency to enforce strictly amendments to the drug laws passed in 1962.

These amendments deal with safety and efficacy of drugs and with drug advertising.

Passenger train

The state of Utah wants the California Zephyr back. It has petitioned the Interstate Commerce Commission to restore the passenger Oakland-Chicago service which it allowed Western Pacific to abandon. Utah officials, asking new ICC hearings, said other western states, including California, also were expect-

ed to ask restoration.

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licensed home for day care and the PTA 'block mother' of World War II days, when mothers took turns being home for a week."

The June issue of Manpower is available from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, 65 cents.

The June issue also recom-

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Recession laid to 'bankrupt' Nixon policy

The Administration's "experiment in classical economic theory" has thrown the national economy into a recession that shows few signs of easing under present policies, AFL-CIO Research Director Nat Goldfinger charged.

President Nixon's "utterly bankrupt anti-inflation program has led us down the garden path to the worst of all possibilities," he said in a network radio interview.

"We have the worst inflation in 20 years . . . the sharpest increase in unemployment in 10 years . . . and interest rates higher than at any time in the past 100 years," he declared.

At the same time, production continues to fall off, work week

cutbacks shrink paychecks, and the steady increase in prices slash workers' purchasing power, he said.

The result, he warned, is a "spreading loss of confidence in the cost of loans, has crippled the housing industry for a year and one-half," he noted.

He noted just one administration move in the situation. That was the Federal Reserve Board's easing of stock market margin requirements "to stimulate speculation in the stock market."

Increased stock speculation is not what is needed, Goldfinger said, but instead there should be proper allocation of resources, increased production and employment.

"We have to get at some of the urgent needs in this country,

such as rebuilding the cities and residential construction," he declared.

But, the administration's "tight money" policy, boosting the cost of loans, has crippled the housing industry for a year and one-half, he noted.

Nixon should use the power Congress gave him to curb the causes of credit inflation through selective credit controls, Goldfinger urged.

He said the need is to "prohibit the banks from rationing credit into places where it is not needed, such as gambling casinos and foreign business operations of U.S. companies."

What is needed, he told the radio audience, is to "rebalance the whole credit structure."

House passes improved welfare bill

The AFL-CIO is pressing the Senate to liberalize the House-approved federal public welfare reform bill designed to help the working poor as well as families without wage earners.

The bill would replace existing Aid to Families with Dependent Children with a broader system of family assistance allowances.

The House approved the measure, 243 to 155, after Democratic Congressman Wilbur D. Mills of Arkansas, the floor leader, told Congressmen that 50 per cent of the poor working families are in the South and 70 per cent of them are white.

Major opponent is the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. It calls the reform proposal inflationary

and "a first step toward a guaranteed annual income."

As originally advanced by the Nixon administration, the bill would have helped primarily states which have the lowest welfare benefits. Only token aid would have gone to states like California that supply the greatest financial aid.

The House Ways and Means Committee, with strong bipartisan support, made some improvements in the aid formula to remedy part of the disparity. AFL-CIO President George Meany said further changes would be sought in the Senate.

Under the reform bill, a welfare family would receive a basic

federal payment of \$500 a year for each of the first two family members and \$300 for each additional person. Thus a family of four would get \$1,600 in federal help.

The federal government would also pay 30 per cent of additional benefits to encourage states to provide help up to the poverty level. Today that is \$3,550 for a family of four.

Persons of working age, except mothers of pre-school children, would be required to register for jobs or job training. Working members of a family would keep the first \$720 a year of earned income. Benefits would be reduced 50 cents for each dollar earned above that amount.

AFLCIO says farm workers are not a separate breed

The AFLCIO chief organizer blasted the administration plan for farm worker unions, saying it would emasculate their bargaining rights and protections.

"It's ridiculous," Director William L. Kircher of the Department of Organization said of the administration proposal to create a special farm labor relations board and by-pass the National Labor Relations Board.

Kircher charged the Nixon administration was giving only "lip service to the concept . . . of collective bargaining and the rights of farm workers."

Bypassing the NLRB, he said, would "ignore the precedents established by experts in the field of labor-management jurisprudence over a period of more than 35 years."

Kircher said it was spurious to argue that farm labor is so different from other work that it needs special rules.

There is no difference, he continued, "in terms of machinery—in terms of determining units—in terms of the right to bargain, the application of the principle of an employer's responsibility to respond to the majority wishes of its employees."

"It makes as much sense to say that there is a difference between agriculture and industrial employment as it does to say there are differences between industrial employment and the building trades, or scientific and professional work," all of which are covered by the National Labor Relations Act.

He pointed out that retail

clerks, butchers, truck drivers and others covered by the NLRA deal with perishable commodities just as farm workers do.

Woodcock named to succeed Reuther

The United Auto Workers executive board has named vice president Leonard Woodcock to succeed the late Walter Reuther as the organization's president. Reuther died May 9 in an airplane accident.

AFL-CIO president George Meany telegraphed the new president pledging the federation's "full support in these crucial bargaining sessions."

Negotiations for major union contract improvements are scheduled by the UAW with major auto makers.

Trend is toward 9 or 10 holidays

Most union contracts provide eight or nine paid holidays a year, the Bureau of National Affairs reported, with the trend toward nine or more holidays.

Agreements with 10 or more holidays have doubled in the last five years and those with nine have tripled.

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President Nixon's opposition to legislation lowering the voting age to 18 is threatening to kill the 1965 Voting Rights Act which made it possible for 800,000 disenfranchised Negroes to register and vote in the South.

Representative Emanuel Celler (D-N.Y.), who is chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, declared a Presidential letter concerning the issue is "part of the southern strategy to kill the voting rights bill."

Both the extension of the voting rights act before its scheduled expiration next summer and the question of the 18-year-old vote are contained in one piece of legislation which is back before the House, after being amended by the Senate.

If the House fails to approve the legislation, it would go before a joint committee and then be returned to both houses of Congress for final passage.

Civil rights supporters say they fear such a delay would subject the bill to a southern filibuster, allowing the law to expire without extension.

President Nixon wrote House leaders he believed it would be unconstitutional for Congress to lower the voting age by law, rather than by a constitutional amendment.

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Federal employe no-strike oath before Supreme Court

The Supreme Court agreed to take another look at a law requiring federal employees to swear that they will not assert the right to strike.

The court agreed to the Justice Department's request to review a District of Columbia federal court ruling that the law is unconstitutional.

The three-judge lower court agreed with the Letter Carriers, who sued the Post Office Department, that those portions of the law prohibiting employees from asserting the right to strike, or membership in a union that asserts the right to strike are unconstitutional.

The judges ruled that the oath, required of government employees as a condition of employment, could have a "chilling" effect on the rights of free speech and petition due all citizens under the Constitution.

The law bars from federal employment anyone who asserts the right to strike, who is a member of a union that asserts such a right, or who participates in a strike against the government. The Letter Carriers, for the purposes of the lawsuit, concede that Congress may prohibit government employees from striking but challenge the other two points.

The union said it supports the "right of postal employees,

along with other federal employees, to strike." The Justice Department defended the law and the oath on the ground that they were aimed, not against asserting the right to strike but against "overt action" in a strike.

The suit was filed before recent postal walkouts for higher wages.

Rafferty sued over book selection

The AFL-CIO California Federation of Teachers has filed suit against State Superintendent Maxwell Rafferty and the State Board of Education charging a law was violated in the adoption of a group of basic reading series books.

The Sacramento County Superior Court suit asserts that Rafferty certified incorrectly the books had been exhibited for 60 days in 50 public libraries before adoption.

"As long as California elementary schools are given a limited choice of texts, the best book must be among those to choose from," the CFT said in a news release. "This suit will, at least, demand that all books receive public scrutiny as required by law."

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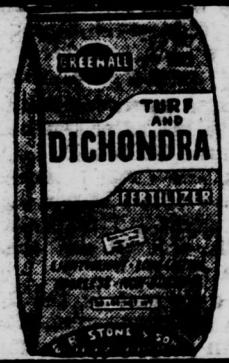
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Chips and Chatter

BY GUNNAR (BENNY) BENONYS

READERS REWARD winners for June were Johnnie Baldwin, Edward C. Brunson and Joe Marly. Thank you for participating.

On our sick and recovery list are: Richard McLean, broken hand; Raymond F. Holland, broken kneecap; Al Sigler, injured knee, will be operated on soon; George Peshel, will undergo a hernia operation; Clarence E. Moore, will be off two or three weeks; Roy H. Jones, broken collar bone; Charles Evans, suffering from diabetes, will be off for some time.

Regret to report the passing of S. W. Stone, 88-years-old and a member for 44 years.

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But don't worry, the administration says this is the way to combat inflation. No workers, no money to buy, hence no inflation, OK?

Operation Paperback is plugging along. We need more paperbacks. Brother Richard DuPont dropped some off this morning. Thank you.

Uncle Benny observes that our dollar has now shrunk to the point where we should call it a "dollarite!"

Lil' GeeGee, our office vamp says most of us keep wishing for things we don't have but after all, what else is there to wish for?

See you at the next meeting, Brother?

Printing Specialties Union

BY FREDRICK T. SULLIVAN

Alexander J. Rohan is our new International Union President. He went into office by a two to one margin and there is no

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doubting the fact that he has the support of the Union. The West coast supported Walter J. Turner with about 80 per cent of their vote but were overruled by the balance of the country.

Since unions are founded on the principle of majority rule, we must now unite behind our elected leader and advance the cause of our International Union. We congratulate President Rohan on his victory and pledge our support in his endeavors.

The Printing Specialties Union Retirement Center now has over 50 people residing in the building, and 25 more will be moving in during the next 60-day period. It will be filling very quickly now, so if you want a parent or friend to take advantage of our Union's effort, please contact your Business Agent and request a brochure.

During the month of June the officers of District Council No. 5 and of San Francisco Local 362 have been meeting to discuss and to formulate plans to merge all of the locals that we represent, and all other locals in Northern California that would wish to join us in one large local union.

Industry has proven to us that when organizations merge they may draw upon the strength of each other and thereby face their competition from a more advantageous position. Our unions have entered in to these discussions with this thought in mind.

We are not interested in creating a political empire for some individual, but we are interested in the bargaining power that we can exert for the benefit of our members.

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Watchmakers 101

BY GEORGE F. ALLEN

Recently we received a report from one of our members that a price sign for watch repairs was on display in Parkview Gem on North First Street in San Jose. First, I want to thank those members who help police the industry, thus helping us maintain the ethics of the industry. Keep the police work up members—it's as much your job as it is mine, to keep ALL watch repair price signs out of the territory.

In order to eliminate this unethical advertising in the Parkview Gem, I had to make several trips in order to connect with the proper person—Mr. Rogler, manager of this establishment and myself, just had a hard time being in the same place at the same time.

However, patience and perseverance finally accomplished my objective and I am happy to report that the price sign for watch repairs has been covered up, noting in place of the prices previously displayed, the sign—"The Watchmakers' Union will not allow us to advertise the price of watch repairs — please ask any clerk for the price." This is necessitated inasmuch as they have no watchmaker on the premises — however — at the same time, gave us complimentary advertising for being responsible for the elimination of this unethical price advertising.

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Fraternally,
LEVIN CHARLES,
Recording Secretary

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Auto, Marine & Specialty Painters 1176 meets on the first and third Tuesdays of every month in Room H, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, at 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
LESSIE K. MOORE,
Business Representative

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AFSCME U.C. 371

Our next regular meeting will be held on July 11 at Kroeber Hall, Room 155, at 2:00 p.m. It will be preceded by the Executive Board meeting, also stewards meeting. It will be an open meeting to all members. The meetings will continue through July-August-September.

Fraternally,
J. J. SANTORO,
Secretary-Treasurer

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SERVICE EMPLOYEES 18

General membership meetings of Service Employees Local 18 are held at 3 p.m. the fourth Friday of each month in Jenny Lind Hall, 2267 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,
BEN J. TUSI,
Secretary

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GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES 3

General membership meeting Hall C, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, the fourth Friday of the month, 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
JACK KENNEDY,
Business Representative

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ELECTION NOTICE

A referendum will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 1970 (as per Union action) on three propositions—Merger with S.F. No. 21, Dues Change, and Mt. Diablo No. 597 Assessment.

Fraternally,
WILBUR P. LEONARD,
Secretary

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HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Regular meetings are held the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 8 p.m. with a social following the meeting on the fourth Thursday.

The office of the financial secretary is open 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays, and 7:30 a.m. to noon Fridays.

Stewards meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. A stewards training program is held in conjunction with the stewards meeting.

The 1969 Claim for Refund forms can be picked up at the Financial Secretary's office. The final filing date is June 30, 1970.

Fraternally,
JOHN C. DAVIS,
President,
KYLE MOON,
Recording Secretary

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SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

The regular meetings are every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple.

Fraternally,
ROBERT M. COOPER,
Business Representative

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Meeting second Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. in Cannery Workers Hall, 492 C Street, Hayward, California.

Fraternally,
JOSEPH CABRAL,
Secretary

EAST BAY LABOR JOURNAL, FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 1970

AFSCME 371 'Info'

BY NAT DICKERSON

From a book entitled: "Frank Roney, Irish Rebel and California Labor Leader," the writer has discovered some strange but important facts, about the early labor movement in California.

This is an autobiography published by The University of California Press, released in 1931, and edited by Ira B. Cross, for whom a conference room in Barrows Hall is named.

It seems that due to the sparsity of workers, during the early days of the West, it made union organizing relatively easy, as compared to the East; though later on there were bitter struggles in both sectors.

A major aspect of all this is that none of it involved public employe unions—just industrial ones.

There was no such thing as public employe unions then, nor for a long time afterwards.

MILLMEN'S UNION 550

The next regular meeting of Millmen's Union 550 will be held on Friday, July 17, 1970, in Room 228-229, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California at 8 p.m.

Due to the resignation of Geo. H. Johnson as Financial Secretary, there will be an election held to fill this vacancy.

Nominations for Financial Secretary will be held at our monthly meeting in July.

Qualifications required to be nominated are as follows: 1—Present at the meeting, 2—at least 3 years a member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, 3—a member of Millmen's Union 550, in good standing, at least one year prior to nomination, 4—at least 3 years a citizen of the country in which the Local Union is located.

The monthly meeting for August will be held on Friday, August 14, 1970, in Room 228-229, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California at 8 p.m. This meeting is moved up one week due to the General Convention being held in August.

The election of Financial Secretary will be held on Friday, August 14, 1970 in Room 224, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California from 12 noon until 8:30 p.m.

Fraternally,
ODUS G. HOWARD,
Financial Secretary
pro tem

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ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Carpenters Local 194 meets the first and third Monday evenings of the month at 8 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Building, located at 2201 Central Avenue, Alameda.

Refreshments are served following the first meeting of the month in the Canteen for all present. You are urged to attend your Local's meetings.

Fraternally,
WM. "BILL" LEWIS,
Recording Secretary

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BERKELEY CARPENTERS 1158

Regular meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of each month at Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut St., Berkeley.

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Fraternally,
NICK J. AFDAMO,
Recording Secretary

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IRON WORKERS 378

Our Regular Executive Board meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, 8 p.m.

Stewards meetings also are held the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 8 p.m.

Our regular membership meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month, 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
BOB McDONALD,
Business Agent

We point out here, that public employe unionization is yet in the pioneering stage, in the West.

It therefore behoves those in public employment to strive for a greater solidarity among their ranks than most workers, in industry, have to be concerned about.

This also points to the need for a better rapport in our unions, during these critical times.

Especially is the writer concerned about the falling off in attendance to UC EMPLOYEES LOCAL 371 meetings.

The repercussions from non-attendance to public employe union meetings can cause serious consequences; such as: (1) a gradual destruction of a spirit of solidarity, (2) pertinent information cannot be conveyed to members, and (3) a lack of communication becomes the established pattern; whereby members become totally brain-washed by the importunings of their bosses, but altogether immune to information which might give them at least a modicum of protection and progress. These are just a few of the evils.

Though Christianity has tried for eons to instill a spirit of brotherliness within the soul of an erratic mankind, with little apparent success, at this time, this is also the aim of unionism but for mutual gains and support.

Whatever excuse is used for non-attendance, few can be considered as being valid; especially when meetings are convened just once a month.

Talks in Hayward break down over city restrictions

United Public Employees 390 negotiators walked out of talks with the City of Hayward last week when the city insisted it would pay for only one employee negotiator and that bargaining must be conducted jointly with other organizations. The union wants three city employees on its negotiating committee.

Involved Local 390 members were to vote this week on seeking strike sanction and setting July 15 as a strike date, if necessary.

The city had said that agreement should be reached by July 15 on salaries, fringes and working conditions.

The union represents about 200 maintenance and operation employees.

Local 390 had been dickering with the city for recognition and bargaining for two months. State Conciliator Jim Marshall made his recommendations on union representation only last week.

NLRB rules on colleges

The National Labor Relations Board has set aside a 19-year-old precedent and voted to take jurisdiction over private, non-profit colleges whose employees formerly could not seek representation elections.

Sheet Metal Workers 216

BY ROBERT M. COOPER

For news this week we have a little bit of everything. Some good and some bad.

First off, the employment picture is very bright and we hope it will continue. Some days it is hard to find men to fill certain jobs.

One of our old timers, Ed Barbeau, passed away at the age of 81 after a long illness. Ed or the "Colonel" as he was affectionately known due to his service as a flyer in World War I had a membership number of 16,925. His funeral was Friday, June 19.

\$121,098 was pumped into the area's economy by the issuance of the scmi - annual holiday checks last week. That is an average of \$86 per member and this figure will be quite a bit higher next December as the holiday allowance goes to 3 per cent on July 1. That is, if we continue to work.

Wm. Teague, employed by Willamette Shipyard many, many years, suffered a heart attack so will probably have to retire from the trade.

Harry Grantham is taking off for London and parts of England to enjoy his vacation time.

George Lefevre went fishing on the levee but got too close to the water and tipped his car over, shaking him up considerably.

Uno Paananen is ready to go back to work after a long recovery from injuries suffered in an auto accident. It is a well known fact that two vehicle cannot occupy the same space at the same time.

The P.A.L. fever is really spreading with a lot of contributions being received by person or through the mail.

Lloyd Taves, John Schreiner, Alfred Gomes (retired) and Vernon Schlief each donated \$5 and Leland Bench gave \$2. Thanks a lot men!

John Louie Johnsen, ex-vice-president, has applied for a well deserved pension after toiling many years for Atlas Heating.

Good luck Louie.

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Ironworkers Local 378

BY BOB McDONALD

Ace Schmidt is in Vallejo General Hospital, in Vallejo, California with a serious heart ailment. He is now able to have visitors, and also cards would be appreciated if his friends are unable to travel that far.

We have had numerous students calling the Hall asking about summer jobs and the Apprenticeship Program, and we are sorry to say that because of the tight money situation our present administration has fostered we seriously doubt that we will be needing many new apprentices. The Reagan administration has been pressuring the Labor Unions to create more work without offering any really constructive assistance in the creation of this work. The Unions dispatch the men to jobs already created by Business and Government, and are virtually powerless unless there is construction going on in the area. We desperately need LOWER INTEREST RATES so that the small businesses can expand their facilities in order to compete with the large corporations. A card to your Federal and State representatives will help more than you know in effecting a change in this direction.

Your Local Union election is Saturday, June 27, 1970, at the Union Hall, 1734 Campbell Street, Oakland. Polls open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The office will be open for the payment of dues from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. You must have a May stamp in your book to vote. See you at the polls!

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BY JIM MARTIN

There was a nice turnout on hand at our June 18th Special Called meeting, at which meeting a great deal of accumulated business was taken care of.

Brother Hector Tays and Marty Scott submitted very interesting reports covering their attendance at the State Building and Construction Trades Legislative Conference held at the State Capitol recently. Their reports and recommendations were well received.

On behalf of our Union's Delegates, Doyle Williams, Bobby Beeson, Bill Weber Sr., Johnnie Orr, Roy Turley, George Machado and Perry Davidson, the writer submitted the California Pipe Trades Convention report.

Thirteen Resolutions were acted upon at the Convention. These Resolutions pertained to the endorsement of our National Officers, Marty Ward, William Dodd and other staff officers, also both legislative and other items, beneficial to our Unions' membership and to the U.A. as a whole.

Our retired General Organizer Jack Spaulding was honored at the banquet held on Saturday, May 16th, at which Jack Hennings, General Secretary of the California Labor Federation, delivered the keynote address.

The membership accepted the recommendations of the Joint Finance Committee and Executive Board and purchased two new automobiles as two of our 1966 Buicks had about run out of gas. The members also approved the recommendations of the Building Improvement Committee, authorizing them to proceed to make the necessary alterations for moving into our new building sometime this fall.

Please check your dues book as it is very important to keep in good standing.

See you at our July 2nd meeting.

DON'T BUY any Hearst publication while Hearst employs scabs in his Los Angeles plant.

Hayward college president ignores labor, CLC told

The administration of California State College, Hayward, is displaying an antiunion attitude, the Alameda County Central Labor Council was told Monday night.

Prof. Arnold Mechanic, delegate from the American Federation of Teachers Local 1671 at the college, said "It is incredible that no one from labor" has been on the college advisory board since the arrival in 1967 of Ellis McCune as president of the institution.

The absence of labor representative he cited as an example of an "antagonistic attitude to labor" in a county which is one of the strongest labor counties in California if not the nation."

The 10 members on the advisory board include two real estate people, two attorneys, two industrialists, a banker, a builder, a doctor and a philanthropist.

Last labor representative was Lamar Childers, secretary-treasurer of the Alameda County Building Trades Council, whose term expired about the time McCune became college president.

Court welfare hearing put over to next month

Superior Court Judge Robert L. Bostick last week put over until July 6 a suit by Carmen's Division 192 seeking to order Alameda County to pay welfare benefits to strikers.

The action was brought in behalf of two drivers whose families had been denied welfare benefits during the three-week strike against A/C Transit. Alameda County's position broke precedent and was directly opposite of Contra Costa County's treatment of strikers' families.

Six more grape growers

The United Farm Workers Organizing Committee last week signed six more Coachella Valley table grape growers to union contracts.

That brought the number of unionized growers to 16.

The six cultivate 786 acres, slightly over 10 per cent of the table grape acreage in the valley. They are Mel-Pak, Bobara, Hopper, Laflin & Laflin, Beckman & Bender, and Gimlan.

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You don't have to vote: that's your privilege

We Americans pride ourselves in our democracy. We think of it as rule by the majority. That isn't necessarily true.

Too often, democracy tends to be ruled by the minority.

You could say that's the decision of the majority, when the majority doesn't show up for meetings. Or when people don't vote.

If things run true to form, that's what will happen in November's crucial balloting when California elects a governor, legislature and new congressional delegation.

Well over 20 per cent of those eligible to vote don't bother to register. Between 20 and 40 per cent of registered voters won't vote.

That means that a candidate with a landslide 2 to 1 victory actually will be elected by less than 43 per cent of those who should have been voting.

That's democracy. You can vote. But you don't have to. You can leave it to somebody else to decide who sets your taxes, the laws under which you live and work, and their enforcement.

Those who suffer the most from legislative and administrative decisions by those elected, are the very ones who don't register and don't vote. They are the workers, the poor and the young.

Right now is a good time to register for anyone who isn't on the books and feels the majority should have the say in how a democracy operates.

Labor, the poor and youth are paying for their silence at the polls.

Protective labor laws haven't been adequately enforced because they failed to use their voice at the polls four years ago.

It doesn't do much good to protest such things as the 11 anti-worker bills that were before the Assembly Labor Relations Committee during the week if you haven't elected legislators that will listen.

Nor to cry over taxes on the working man if you let the well-to-do make the choice at the ballot.

Judge Bostick commended

The courts should keep their hands off the collective bargaining process.

However, both union and management spokesmen understandably commended Superior Court Judge Robert L. Bostick for his key role last week in ending the A/C Transit strike.

The situation was unique. Judge Bostick did not use his legal powers to end the walkout. In fact he said the strike was legal and could continue, which perhaps was the key factor in A/C Transit district agreeing to a proposal it had once rejected.

The jurist acted as an individual, offering his services as a mediator when it looked as though it could pay off.

An auto insurance solution

Organized labor in Ohio has tired of huge premium cost increases, arbitrary cancellations of policies, discrimination and other high-handed action by automobile insurance companies.

The Ohio AFL-CIO has voted to set up a labor-operated auto insurance firm to give working people a better break than they have been getting.

We hope this idea catches on, not only in Ohio but elsewhere. Auto insurance is a necessity but when profit-hungry firms furnish it, the policyholder is a victim.

Consumers Union has discovered, for instance, that a sizeable percentage of policyholders would rather pay accident damages out of their own pockets than involve their insurance companies and run the risk of cancellation, non-renewal or excessive premiums.

Insurance companies maintain powerful lobbies at state capitals to make sure that legislation goes their way—and it generally does.

A labor-operated company like the one planned in Ohio will focus on protection for policyholders, not huge profits.

It deserves every success.



AFL-CIO NEWS

More inflation and 5.5% joblessness forecast

Inflation and unemployment will keep going up, administration leaders conceded last week.

Their glum predictions came as the cost of living rose four-tenths of one per cent in mid-June, carrying the Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index to a record 134.6 of its 1957-59 average.

Secretary of Labor George P. Shultz said the number of unemployment compensation claims is continuing to rise since joblessness reached 5 per cent in May, the highest monthly figure since 1965.

A more precise and more dismal report came from Andrew F. Brimmer, only Negro member of the seven man Federal Reserve Board that controls the nation's banking and interest rates.

Brimmer predicted unemployment would average 5.5 per cent of the work force for the remainder of the year, compared to 3.5 per cent at the start of 1970.

and inflation will continue for "a considerable time."

"With both prices and unemployment continuing to rise," he asked, "how much more unemployment is the public willing to endure as a byproduct of the campaign to check inflation?"

His advice was "for all of us to settle down and prepare ourselves for a long and taxing assignment."

Earlier in the week President Nixon admitted that the impact of inflation and unemployment on the economy "is greater than we foresaw." He announced he would "adjust our tactics" with new government programs.

These included creation of a National Commission on Productivity to help secure more stable prices, setting up an Inflationary Alert by the Council of Economic Advisers to point the finger at "significant areas of wage and price increases" and establishing a board to review federal purchasing, import and other policies.

AFL-CIO President George Meany said Nixon's programs "may increase public education on economic issues," but "I fail to see how they will curb inflation, reduce unemployment and cut interest rates."

The AFL-CIO, in testimony before the House Banking Committee, urged selective credit controls and interest-rate ceilings, a sharp look at the role of major corporations in increasing prices, a study of specific causes of living cost rises such as doctors' fees, hospital charges, housing costs and auto insurance rates.

The federation said such steps are necessary because of the administration's economic policies which have brought America "the worst combination of developments: the most severe inflation in 20 years, the highest interest rates in 100 years and the sharpest rise in unemployment in over 10 years. Moreover, no end to this situation is in sight."

- LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

Magazines for schools

Editor, Labor Journal:

This is an invitation to some of your readers to put their "next to last issues" of magazines to work.

Beginning in September, I plan to collect class sets (40 copies) of the next to last issues of magazines to distribute to high schools in the East Bay.

As a newly retired English and Journalism teacher, I know that public schools cannot afford 40 subscriptions to many magazines, that teachers cannot teach as well from single copies of magazines as from class sets, that students are attracted to recent magazines, and that many desultory readers could be motivated to read if they received recent, interesting magazines regularly.

Those magazines could also be taken home, where they could often expand a whole family's reading.

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Please give names of magazines you will donate, whether you could deliver them to a collection point in your city or would need to have them picked up, your name, address and telephone.

I hope to be assisted by members of Theta Sigma Phi, national professional women's journalism society, of which I am a local chapter officer.

MRS. R. P. MURPHY
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Needs of the schools

Editor, Labor Journal:

On behalf of the Oakland Board of Education of the Oakland Public Schools we wish to thank the East Bay Labor Journal for its excellent coverage of Measure D in the June 2 election. The fact that it failed to pass certainly was in no way due

to information not being made available to the voters by the press, radio and television.

However, pride in Oakland schools and the education of Oakland children must be heightened and funds secured to develop schools worthy of this pride. The fact that over 30,000 Oakland residents (out of 83,000 votes cast) were willing to add to their burdensome tasks to repair school buildings and equipment and buy some needed new classroom equipment indicates to us that many people in Oakland are in favor of underwriting the cost of a quality education program.

To provide a quality education program the Oakland schools need additional federal aid, additional state aid—plus increased local support.

We must continue trying to achieve the quality education goal Oakland's children deserve.

SPENCER D. BENDOW,
Secretary-Treasurer.

